The Hon Susan Ryan AO (Age and Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission) and Professor Mark Evans (Director, Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis, University of Canberra) have agreed to co-convene a one-day national workshop involving key researchers and disability advocates in Australia.

The purpose of this round table is to identify the key disability social policy research issues that need to be addressed over the coming decade. In stating this we envisage focusing on the longer term agenda of securing a paradigm shift in disability services. Despite the many benefits of the NDIS, we want to focus on policy research beyond the NDIS with a view to truly enhancing the social position of people with disability in Australia. Within this context the round table represents an important next step in:

- Mapping out what research is and is not being done with regards to setting out future policy priorities for disability policy in Australia.
- Mapping out the future priorities for disability research in Australia.
- Communicating to government and key research funding entities the need for funds to cover these kinds of research.
- Acknowledging the important role that research plays in work that is undertaken by the Commission and the disability sector more broadly.

APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE: The number of participants will be limited to approximately 20 people, with invitations issued by the Commissioner in response to Expressions of Interest from interested parties. Expressions of Interest should demonstrate how the applicant’s participation in this round table could contribute to the above objectives in a manner which is of national significance, noting the interests of key groups which they may represent.

SUBMISSION OF EOIs: EOIs should be addressed to Professor Anthony Hogan, Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis, University of Canberra, ACT 2601 anthony.hogan@canberra.edu.au.

EOIs are due by close of business January 30, 2015. Any inquiries should also be addressed to Professor Hogan.